Address: 14, Pumphouse Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0AW

About the application

Application number: 2025/93355	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, hi
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY
Postcode:	LS15 8ZB

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I am formally objecting to this application 2025/93355 - Land off Woodward Court/Hepworth Lane.

My objection is based on the following:

1. Road Safety and Traffic Impact

The roads immediately surrounding the site off Hepworth Lane and Woodward Court are already heavily congested and under significant pressure, particularly at peak times. They are narrow, heavily used and often without sidewalks. They are frequently used by pedestrians, cyclists, and school children and for sporting events leading to the Gilder Field and Mirfield Parish Cricket Club. The proposal would lead to a substantial increase in traffic movements thus increasing the risks of accidents and danger for any pedestrians, school children and other road users.

Additional housing and traffic in this area will further compound the current traffic chaos getting in and out of Mirfield but especially around Wellhouse Lane, Flash Lane and Hepworth Lane where the roads are so narrow that 2 cars are unable to pass. Parking on these roads has also already increased often blocking junctions and clear views for exiting junctions i.e top of Hepworth Lane, bottom of Wellhouse Lane and Pumphouse Lane. It is already a dangerous 'he who dares win situation'. These lanes often become gridlocked and cause for people to reverse onto the main roads i.e Flash Lane to alleviate the gridlock - additional traffic can only make more instances of danger and risk of serious accidents.

2. Lack of School Places.

Schools are already operating at capacity. There is no credible plan within this application to provide additional school places thus putting further strain on an already overstretched system. Mirfield schools already have reduced numbers of school places for those living in Mirfield due to those travelling out of catchment with family in Mirfield schools.

3. Insufficient Access to GP and NHS Dental Services

GP surgeries and dental practices are currently oversubscribed with long waiting times of years and difficulties in registering new patients. The proposal does not adequately address how increased demand for primary healthcare and dental services would be met.

4. Unsustainable Development

Due to lack of capacity in transport, education, and healthcare services already in Mirfield, the development fails to meet the principles of sustainable developments required by local and national planning policy.

For this reason, I request that the planning application be refused.